

## Senate Resolution 734

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring Linda Williams as the 2007 Georgia Professor of the Year; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most  
4 important objective of the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, dedication and diligence by committed teachers foster excellence in education;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Linda Williams dreamed about becoming a teacher during her youth and began  
8 her career graduating from Southwest DeKalb in 1972; and

9 WHEREAS, graduate school took her to Oklahoma where she earned a master's degree in  
10 English at the University of Central Oklahoma in 1986, and a doctorate in higher education  
11 administration in 1990; and

12 WHEREAS, she returned to Georgia and began her career at North Georgia College and  
13 State University in 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for  
15 Advancement and Support of Education selected Linda Williams, from a field of 300  
16 professors throughout the United States, to receive the 2007 Georgia Professor of the Year  
17 Award; and

18 WHEREAS, this award is based on the professor's dedication to undergraduate teaching and  
19 is determined by excellence in the professor's impact and involvement with undergraduate  
20 students; approach to teaching and learning; contributions to undergraduate education in the  
21 institution, community, and profession; and support from colleagues and current and former  
22 undergraduate students; and

1 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the education and welfare of young people  
2 in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary  
3 accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding individual.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 commend heartily Linda Williams, the 2007 Georgia Professor of the Year, and express to  
6 her their sincerest best wishes and confidence in her continued success in the future.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Linda Williams.